

## **JANUARY MESSAGE FROM THE BLACK SHEEP SENIOR SQUADRON COMMANDER**

Best wishes to all for the New Year. With hopes that the Black Sheep Squadron will continue to excel. I will do everything in my ability to keep the squadron on track in all of it's endeavors.

If you have seen the Black Sheep Senior Squadron Web Site, you probably noticed that the Arapahoe County Airport Authority has completed the upgrade of the Wright Room. I have been told that the Airport Authority has decided that we can no longer use it for our meetings. Because of that we will continue to use the Department of Military Affairs Auditorium until we can find an alternative. I have had some mixed messages about their offer to let us use the lobby, but it would mean either them or us setting up chairs and may not be conducive to setting up a projector and screen. Some like the Auditorium because of the large screen, while others thought the security caused some members to not make it. We will discuss it in detail at the 5 January meeting.

I thought the Holiday Party, at **Blossoms Restaurant** was a success. The social hour was so successful, we had trouble getting some of the members in to dinner. Once again **Blossoms Restaurant** provided a feast. The food was great, but then again I am partial to Prime Rib. We gave out plaques to the new staff members and hangers to the old staff that were present and will give the rest out at the next meeting.

For those of you that were not able to make the party, I discussed my goals for the squadron. First was to do something in training. With the help of **Captain Jim Smith, Colonel Jim Cooksey**, and the other instructors, we did quite a bit this year in creating an outstanding mission aircrew training program. We were able to conduct 3 scanner class, an observer class and a mission pilot class. We were also able to get some mission flight time to get some of the training documents completed. We also did quite a bit in professional development training. We had 7 new members complete level I and 4 members complete Level II. Second, was my goal to get members promoted. We promoted 3 to 2Lt, 3 to 1Lt, 5 to Captain, 1 to Major, and 1 to Lt Col. Third, was my goal to get the members to wear uniforms to meetings. The staff seemed to do well, but the bleachers were still a little too civilian. **But, Two out of three isn't too bad.**

### **STAFF**

**1Lt Pat Privette** has asked to be relieved as test control officer because of his new job. I have appointed **SM Christopher O'Shell** as assistant Professional Development and Test Control Officer. I still need a Public Affairs Officer badly.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We did well in 2005, moving members through Level I and Level II of the Senior Member Training Program. I have already starting pushing some of our Majors to Level 4 out of the way. I will, again this year, push professional development.

## OPS/ES

The squadron supported the Buckley AFB, Major Accident Response Exercise (MARE). The primary aircrew was **Lt Col Bob Beabout, Lt Col Jim Jenkins, and Captain Bob York**. We have been told that there wasn't enough money available for our requested January mission. We are hoping that money will be freed by region to fund us soon.

## PROMOTIONS/AWARDS

Since the last message, we were able to promote **Carol Ellis** to 1Lt and I just submitted a CAPF 2 to promote **SM Christopher O'Shell** to 2Lt.

## TRAINING

**1Lt Jim Montgomery** and **1Lt Paul Mallon** completed the AFRCC Search Management Course in December. **2Lt Stan Losiewisch** has been selected for Archer Training

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